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1. IN CONTEXT OF DOD AND SAG SURVEYS OF YAR MILITARY NEEDS, EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE NOVEMBER 12 WITH COL. FALEH DHAHIRY ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN DELIVERING FMS CASES UAA AND UAB TO YAR, MENTIONING POSSIBLE SAG FUNDING OF COST OF AIRLIFTED SHIPMENTS. SENSING THAT THIS SOLUTION WOULD BE UNPALATABLE TO SAG, EMBOFF ASKED DHAHIRY ALSO TO MAKE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS OVER POSSIBILITY TRANS-SHIPING CASES UAA AND UAB FROM JIDDA TO YAR VIA RSAF C-130'S, BASING SUGGESTION ON ASSUMPTION THAT IT MIGHT BE EASIER FIND SHIP BOUND FOR JIDDA WHICH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL CARGO. IN THIS CASE, YAR WOULD SEND SMALL TEAM TO ACCEPT DELIVERY AT JIDDA PRIOR TO TRANS-SHIPMENT. EMBOFF NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES PREFERRED SHIPMENTS

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IN ANY FUTURE SAG-FUNDED YAR ARMS PROGRAM GO DIRECT TO YAR,

AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TRANS-SHIPMENT TO BECOME THE PRACTICE, BUT THIS WAS CASE WHERE BOTH SIDES AGREED YAR NEEDED IMMEDIATE SHOT-IN-THE-ARM FOR MORALE PURPOSES, AND THEREFORE AIRLIFT MERITED CONSIDERATION.

2. DHAHIRY LATER DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MINDEF SULTAN, WHO INDICATED WILLINGNESS AUTHORIZE C-130 AIRLIFT FROM JIDDA. AS FOR PAYING OTHERS TO AIRLIFT SHIPMENTS, SULTAN SAID ONLY IF YAR MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST TO SAG WOULD IT CONSIDER SUCH A REQUEST.

3. IF SHIP CAN BE BOUND TO CARRY SHIPMENT TO JIDDA, AND IF YAR WILLING SEND SMALL TEAM TO RECEIVE SHIPMENT AT JIDDA, SAG AIRLIFT MAY OFFER SOLUTION TO IMPASSE. EMBOFF PROMISED TO LET DHAHIRY KNOWN WITHIN FEW DAYS WHETHER POSSIBILITY WAS FEASIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE. AKINS

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